(*b*) If so, what was the action taken by the Government on their request and the reasons for the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There were two applications for permission to prosecute the Police Inspector at Paravur.

(*b*) The first petition was rejected as it was clearly found on enquiry that the allegations contained in it were false and that it was the outcome of a grudge which the petitioner bore the Inspector for charging him in a criminal case and for having his younger brother convicted of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. In regard to the second complaint the petitioner's vakil withdrew from the case while the enquiry was being conducted on the ground that the Inspector was one of the few who had succeeded in winning public esteem. The leading citizens of Paravur also attended this enquiry and protested against the allegation made by the petitioner to concoct a false case against the Inspector. Thus there was no need to give sanction for prosecution.

Computor-Draftsmen of the Land Records Department.

69. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they had exempted the computor-draftsmen of the Land Records Department from general qualification and age-bar rules?

(*b*) Have the Government made any arrangement to provide them in other departments as promised by the Land Revenue Commissioner during the discussion in the Legislative Council?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Some of the disbanded computor-draftsmen have been appointed as *Pakuthi* Accountants and others have been ordered to be provided, to the extent possible, with appointments suitable to their attainments.

Action taken on the Suggestion of the Town-planning Expert, Mr. Dann.

70. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken on the report submitted by Mr. Dann, the town-planning expert, about the improvement of the city and if they have not considered it yet, will they be pleased to take early steps to act according to his suggestions?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No report was submitted by Mr. Dann.

In January 1925, on his way from Tenkasi to Cochin, Mr. Dann visited Trivandrum at the instance of the late Dewan. While here, it appears they discussed the desirability of preparing a town extension scheme, and after leaving Trivandrum, Mr. Dann wrote to the Dewan about the desirability of introducing a scheme of town-planning on sanitary lines in respect of all the important towns in the State, especially Trivandrum. He offered certain terms for preparing a report on the subject and promised, if necessary, to prepare the same on his return from England for which he was leaving soon after. In reply, he was told that the question had to lie over till his return from leave.

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